

The Anglican Parish of Mississippi Lake welcomes you to worship with us!

*We gather this day on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.
May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.*

Sunday, May 19, 2024 The Day of Pentecost

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal,
keep us in the unity of your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First reading

A reading from the book of Acts

When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house

where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Acts 2: 1-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive reading

Our responsive reading today is from Psalm 104. The congregation is invited to respond by reading aloud the verses in bold type.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number,
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan,
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles;
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him;

I will rejoice in the Lord.

Hallelujah!

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37b

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Second reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8: 22-27

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The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayers of the People

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone you love, please contact the church office at office@lakesideanglicans.ca or 613-257-3178.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

In our Diocese, we pray for Shane, our Bishop; Anne, our Metropolitan; Linda, our Primate; as well as The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, The Rt Rev Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Sacred Circle Events, and the Ministry of Reconciliation. The Parish of Maberly-Lanark: St. Alban's, Maberly; St. John's, Balderson; St. Paul's, Lanark; St. Stephen's, Bathurst and The Reverend Dr. Ron Hunt

In our Parish we pray for all those in need of our prayers, especially remembering **Ben, Wade, Amber, Peter** and any others who we wish to name silently or aloud this morning... (*Short silence*).

Today we pray for Samantha Lommen, who has died, and for Ed, Sharon & family who mourn. Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Transformed by the life-giving power of the empty tomb, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need with the words "Your mercy is great".

Breath of God, with a mighty rush your church was set alight by holy fire. Kindle in our hearts the blaze of your love, that we may proclaim your grace to all. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Breath of God, every living thing depends on you for life and sustenance. Open your hand and fill us with good things that delight and satisfy. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Breath of God, we are a people divided by colour, nationality, and creed. Draw us together in our common humanity to work for justice and peace for all. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Breath of God, in our weakness we know not how to pray. Intercede for us, bringing hope and healing to the anxious, the sorrowful, and those who are suffering or ill. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Breath of God, we need the visions of the young and the dreams of the old. Guide the ministries of this congregation that we may bear God's love to all. Hear us, O God... **Your mercy is great.**

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, sanctified and kept by God, we pray that the memory of their witness and your goodness through them would renew our courage and commitment in life and service. Hear us, O God...**Your mercy is great.**

Hear our prayers, gracious God, and grant all that we need to live as your Spirit-filled people, in the name of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

A TIME OF PRAYER: LISTENING FOR DIVINE SPARKS IN OUR MIDST

<https://ottawa.anglican.ca/resources/a-time-of-prayer/>

Individuals and parishes are asked to pray for God's wisdom as we listen for how God calls us to engage in the world. Here is a suggested prayer for the coming month:

"Amazing God, you have fulfilled the word of your promise and have poured out upon your church the gift of the Holy Spirit: open our hearts and renew our will. We pray to receive the fullness of your grace and power; that our lives and that of our parishes would be strengthened for the service of your kingdom to which we are being called. Kindle in us the fire of your love that we may be transformed into the image of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen."

Announcements

The formal opportunity to say farewell to Jonathan before he leaves the parish will take place after worship today, in the church hall at Christ Church Ashton, starting at about 12:30 p.m. Everyone encouraged to attend. You are invited to bring snacks or desserts to share.

Jonathan will also be present during fellowship time after worship on Sunday, May 26, in the church hall at St James' Carleton Place, starting at about 11:15 a.m. for those who are unable to attend on the 19th.

Upcoming Events

Christ Church Ashton.

Plant Sale. Saturday, May 25th. 8:30-11:30 a.m.

St George's Events

Fiddle service on Sunday, June 2. Musical prelude 10am, worship service with fiddle accompaniment 10:30. Lunch following. Info 613-256-9010.

St James Carleton Place Events

The Big Give: Saturday, June 1. There will be a Free Car Boot Sale like last year. If you are interested in participating, please call Lynn Hyndman to book your spot. 613-851-7129

Father's Day BBQ with music by Brownie & friends: Saturday, June 8. Tickets \$25; children 6-10: \$10; 5 & under: Free. Hamburger, hotdog, baked beans, salads, homemade pie, coffee/tea. Tickets at the church office. Begins at 5 pm.

St James Franktown

Lilac Festival, Franktown: Saturday May 25th. Bake Sale (with Centennial Hall Committee), Church open to visitors.

Work by Dry Stone Canada on both May 25 and May 26 on their restoration of our stone 'fence' in front of the church. People can sign up with Dry Stone Canada to learn how to create a dry stone wall during that weekend.